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At Miami Night Spot

Celebrities, Hoodlum Caught by FBI 'Bugs'

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When the FBI bugged a fashionable hoodlum hangout here in the 1960s, agents were uninvited guests at parties for Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and crime boss Santo Trafficante.

The tapes from the secret recordings also mention Dade County businessmen and nationally known racketeers who dined, visited or called at the now-defunct Puccini's Restaurant on the 79th Street Causeway.

LOGS OF the electronic surveillance — which was illegal even for the FBI back in 1962 and 1963 — became public Thursday when the Justice Department produced them for inspection by attorneys defending Miami Teamsters official Donald F. Gillette and Joe Fischetti, a cousin of the late Al Capone. They were indicted on labor racketeering charges in U.S. District Court in June.

Defense attorneys had asked to see any logs of electronic surveillance on Fischetti. At first, Justice Department Task Force attorneys said no listening devices were used to support the current charges, and that they were unaware of any from the past.

However, the FBI dusted off some old files and came up with two years of electronic snooping at the mobster watering hole. Many of the pages of the three logbooks feature Fischetti and his conversations with the high and the mighty.



Frank Sinatra
... socked in



Sammy Davis Jr.
... bookings



Santo Trafficante
... in Italian

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Date: 8/28/70

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: DONALD F. GILLETTE

Character: AR

or

Classification: RM 92-99

Submitting Office: MIAMI, FLA.

☐ Being Investigated

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~~GILLETTE~~, recording secretary of Teamsters Local 769, was not the subject of any electronic surveillance and his name does not appear in the FBI logs.

Fischetti — and his relatives — had a piece of the action when Puccini's was serving fancy Italian cuisine.

The tapes also show that he was well acquainted with entertainers and Miami Beach hotelmen who booked big time acts. Some of the conversations put Fischetti in a "go-between" role between actor and hotels.

IN FEBRUARY 1962, according to the logs, an unidentified man "tells Joe Fischetti that Ben Novak (owner of the Fontainebleau hotel) has been trying to call him." Fischetti calls Novak and "tells Novak he hasn't heard from Dean yet as he's been waiting to hear from Sammy," the logs go on.

The next month, Eden Roc owner Morris Landsburg phones Fischetti. The details of that conversation were not listed, but at another point in the logs Fischetti is advised that Landsburg heard a report of Sammy Davis booking his act at another hotel and "wants to know what Joe knows about it."

Fischetti doubts the other booking, saying "Sammy would let me know."

THAT SAME month Sinatra is monitored at the restaurant with Fischetti. The discussion is mostly about arrangements for Sinatra to get a flight out of town despite a socked-in airport. The log notes that Novak is expected at the restaurant.

On New Year's Day in 1962, Mafia chief Trafficante laughs, jokes and talks in Italian as he entertains friends from Atlanta. The language barrier, plus noise,

~~absurd and humorous also~~ like the time that two restaurant patrons attacked an escaping mouse and Willie (Smoke) Alvisio watched an FBI car circle the block.

Alvisio is also picked up in another pointed conversation showing how "organized" organized crime had become in Miami in 1962-63.

Trigger Mike Cappola was the man who berthed the mob here, with the help of other hoods.

ONE CONVERSATION

kept the FBI boggled on what was said.

AGENTS PICKED UP conversations about dinner reservations for Sammy Davis Jr. and for Janet Blair, and how Ed Sullivan was believed to have enjoyed his dinner.

There was one quote from an unidentified man who said he had "just got in. Came down with the Kennedy Group." He said Peter Lawford brought him down.

FBI agents monitored the

said the grapevine to other racketeers in the country was so good that a man could pull a robbery up North and "the boys" in Miami would not only know about it almost immediately, but could bet on what fence would take the loot.

Visiting firemen were always welcome, and the logs indicated that "Jackie" was expected several times. This was Jackie (The Lackey) Gerone, who held a heavy rein on the Chicago crime syndicate.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/11/70

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished the following information.

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1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 92-1870
RFF:pan
(7) [REDACTED]

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1 - 92-99 (MISCHETTI)
1 - 92-733
1 - 179-43
1 - 92-877

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[REDACTED]

He learned that in the early morning hours of

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About 3 weeks ago or so,
as JOE FISCHETTI were at the
at the Fontainebleau Hotel.

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[REDACTED] the Fontainebleau
Hotel.

He understood that on

[REDACTED] JOE FISCHETTI (name unknown) was at Harry's
American Bar in the Eden Roc Hotel and allegedly was a
good tipper. This individual was described as white, male.

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With respect to [REDACTED] he heard that [REDACTED]
had been in New York City, the earlier part of [REDACTED] year,
where he saw or met FRANK SINATRA [REDACTED]
Jilly's Restaurant and Lounge in that city. On 11/10/70,

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[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

MIAMI

DATE: 2/26/71

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact	
[REDACTED]	
File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)	
92-467	[REDACTED]
92-99 (FISCHEPPI)	b7C
92-1285	[REDACTED]
165-1182	
162-891	
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
Informant advised that it was known a person by the name of [REDACTED] Fontainebleau Hotel for the past two years.	
Informant advised that [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] the Fontainebleau Hotel.	
Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Coverage Top hoods
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1 - [REDACTED] 1 - 92-467 1 - 92-99 1 - 92-
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[redacted]
Informant advised that FRANK SINATRA's mother was a guest [redacted] at the Fontainebleau Hotel for one week and stayed in Penthouse B checking out on 2/13/71. Arrangements for Mrs. SINATRA's stay at the Fontainebleau Hotel were arranged by JOE FISCHETTI [redacted]

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[redacted] visits the Fontainebleau Hotel
[redacted]

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TO : SAC , MIAMI [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/28/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use titles if file #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

92-99

JOSEPH JOHN FISCHETTI

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Information herein contained obtained
confidentially:

Informant's name is not to be disclosed in report
or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely he is to
be a witness in a trial or hearing.

[REDACTED] captioned source advised
the FISCHETTI family.

[REDACTED] on numerous occasions to
various night clubs and restaurants in the Miami area.

[REDACTED] FISCHETTI residence
actor FRANK SINATRA was staying

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or
furnishing false information? No

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Coverage

Same

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(1) - 92-99 (FISCHETTI)

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Memorandum

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DATE: **4/10/72**

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact	
[redacted]	
File #s on which contacted (use titles if file #s not available or when CI provides positive information)	
[redacted]	[redacted]
182-new	b2
166-1204	b7C
182-714	b7D
92-99	FISCARETTI
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN WAS OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY. SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION [redacted] AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN ANY POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.
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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? NO b2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact. b7C b7D	Coverage
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1- [redacted]
1-166-1204 (
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1- [redacted]
1-182-714

1-182-new
1-92-99

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[REDACTED]
JOSEPH FISCHETTI
92-99

[REDACTED] source advised that FISCHETTI is currently "hanging out" at the Fountainebleau Hotel with "MA" SINATRA. Source stated this is unusual because FISCHETTI tries to stay away from the Fountainebleau because of "the heat" from the police.

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